

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 113  
(MOVED TO THE CITY COUNCIL/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM)  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2004  
11:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Ray Stevens, Chair  
Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair  
Bob Workman  
Deb Schorr

Commissioners Absent: Bernie Heier

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney  
Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney  
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF THE STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 4, 2004**

Item held.

**2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None were stated.

**3 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES** - Gordon Kissel, Legislative Consultant; Amy Prenda, Director of Legal Research and Analysis for Kissel/E&S Associates

Gordon Kissel, Legislative Consultant, disseminated legislative election results (Exhibit A).

General discussion was held regarding legislative priorities.

Norm Agena, County Assessor/Register of Deeds, appeared and reported on efforts to: 1) Extend the Board of Equalization's decision period from July 25<sup>th</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>; 2) Revise the public records statute; 3) Address agricultural land and greenbelt statutes; and 4) Change the filing requirements for the Assessor's Office in counties with a population of 100,000 or more.

Hudkins and Workman arrived at 12:04 p.m.

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to adopt the following as priority issues:

1. Mental Health
2. Two Cent Increase to Gas Tax
3. Medicaid Rate for Inmates and Crisis Center Patients
4. Amend Civil Service Statutes to Protect Employees Transferred from Other Governmental Entities
5. Other County Issues
  - A. Administrative Approval of Final Plats
  - B. Extend Board of Equalization Decision Period to August 10<sup>th</sup>
  - C. Authority to Require Building Permits on Farmstead Residences
  - D. Ordinance Authority for Counties

Hudkins, Schorr, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

**4 AIR POLLUTION REGULATION REVISIONS** - Rick Thorson, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

Rick Thorson, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, gave an overview of proposed amendments to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards (see agenda packet).

**APPROVAL OF THE STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2004**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes of October 28, 2004.

Schorr requested the following revisions to the motion in Agenda Item 3: 1) Move forward with a cost of living increase of three percent, effective January 1, 2005, calculated back to the first payday in September, 2004; and 2) Approve market adjustments and increases for job descriptions, as outlined.

Both the maker of the motion and the seconder agreed to include the revisions in the motion.

**ROLL CALL:** Workman, Stevens, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

## **5 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

### A. Update on Early Bond Payments

Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Officer, appeared and said if the Board elects to call the bonds for the Juvenile Detention Facility, Motor Vehicle Facility and County Engineer the County will need to borrow approximately \$2 million from the General Fund and \$1 million from the Self Insurance Fund to pay the bonds.

### B. Tri-County Retreat (Map)

Eagan distributed a meeting agenda (Exhibit B). **NOTE:** The retreat will be held November 15, 2004 at the Gallup Organization Complex, 1001 Gallup Drive in Omaha, Nebraska (see map in agenda packet).

### C. Management Team Schedule

Board consensus was to cancel the November and December meetings.

## **6 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

### A. Monthly Meeting of County Board Chair, Vice Chair & Mayor - Stevens, Hudkins

Stevens and Hudkins reported discussion of: 1) Jail interlocal agreement; 2) Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department expansion; 3) Proposal to finish the County-City Building third floor; 4) Local match for State Fair Park; 5) Gas tax allocation; and 6) Rural-to-Urban Transition Streets (RUTS) Program.

### B. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee - Schorr

Schorr said the committee discussed the request for a donation of additional park land for the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department expansion project. She also reported on a noise demonstration at a proposed motocross track near 2<sup>nd</sup> and South Streets.

C. Joint Budget Committee (JBC) - Workman, Stevens

Workman said discussion focused on the Keno interlocal agreement and the length of time it is taking to complete juvenile evaluations since the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS') Medicaid Division and Magellan, the Medicaid managed care company, assumed coordination and completion of the clinical portion.

D. Region V Governing Board - Schorr

Schorr said C. J. Johnson, Program Administrator for the Region V Mental Health, Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Program, was directed to begin the process of reviewing the General Assistance (GA) plans for the sixteen counties in Region V in an attempt to standardize them.

E. General Assistance (GA) Monitoring Committee - Stevens, Schorr

Stevens said the committee reviewed a draft of the revised guidelines. He said also reported a recommendation to extend the contract with the Lancaster County Medical Society for the Drug Assistance Program.

F. Monthly Meeting of Public Building Commission (PBC) Chair, Vice Chair & Mayor - Hudkins

See Item 6G.

G. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Hudkins, Workman

Hudkins said the Nebraska Secretary of State is concerned with operation of the 9<sup>th</sup> & J Street Building (city, county and state records are stored in the facility) and cleanup from a burst water pipe at the facility earlier this year.

Hudkins also reported that the wrong color was specified on the purchase order for chairs for the City Council/County Commissioners Hearing Room.

Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk, explained that the color that was requested was no longer available and said All Makes Office Equipment had an alternative color. She indicated she would research the issue further.

## **7 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

- The Chair has been asked to give the welcome at the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Annual Convention.

- The date for the public hearing on the proposed One and Six Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program will remain November 16, 2004. **NOTE:** There had been a request to change the date to November 23, 2004.

## **8 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m. Hudkins, Schorr, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

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Bruce Medcalf  
Lancaster County Clerk